THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI): (a) and (b) NPCC Ltd. is a sick Public Sector Undertaking and has been incurring heavy losses since 1989 onwards due to high employment cost, surplus manpower, interest burden on loans, low recovery of outstanding dues from project authorities and insufficient generation of funds. Consequently, many units of the Corporation have become non performing units. The Government is providing Non Plan Assistance to NPCC Limited for meeting the statutory liabilities for payment of salaries/ wages. For this purpose, till date a total sum of Rs. 95.84 crore has been released by the Government to NPCC Ltd. Besides other remedial measures, a revival plan for the company has also been formulated.

Duty Exemption Entitlement Schemes

*239. SHRI YADLAPTI VENKAT RAO:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether rampant misuse of scheme of Duty Exemption Entitlement Schemes (DEES) and Export Promotion Capital Goods (DPCG) have been detected; and

(b) if so, the efforts made to contain commercial frauds in bilateral/ multilateral trade to push up exports?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) and (b) Some misuse of these schemes has been noticed. Safeguards have already been inbuilt in each Export Promotion Scheme to prevent abuse/misuse.

Whenever a new *modus operandi* comes to light, Customs field formations and preventive agencies are alerated to prevent recurrence and take necessary action in terms of Law.

Fake companies offering jobs

*240. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a number of fake companies are coming into existence in the country every other day and collecting

crores of rupees as security deposits from the applicants in the name of providing jobs to them;

(b) whether Indian Informatics Infotech Private Limited, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi, also collected crores of rupees from the applicants in May 2001, which was later on confiscated under economic offence;

(c) whether Government would return the money to applicants from the amount confiscated;

(d) if so, the formalities in this regard; and

(e) if not, how would Government compensate the youths cheated by the companies?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) to (e) A company by the name of "Indian Inforamatics infortech Pvt. Ltd." was incorported as a private limited company on 19-4-2001. The first directors and subscribers of the company are shown as from 111/9, Kishan Garh, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi. The Fraud and Cheating Section of the Economic Offences Wing, Crime Branch, New Delhi received information from, CID, Kolkata about this firm having advertised in newspapers at Kolkata, offering jobs and demanding security deposits with each application, ranging from Rs. 7,000/- to Rs. 10,000/- A FIR No. 224/01 under Section 420 IPC and Section 3 of the Emblem and Names (Prevention of Improper Use) Act, 1950 was registered in Police Station, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi. Between 21-04-2001 and 24-05-2001, the company deposited about Rs. 70 lakhs in its current account at Oriental Bank of Commerce, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi. This money was apparently collected as security deposit from job applicants. The accused were arrested on 07-06-2001. The company's account is currently frozen and offences under Section 406/120B IPC have been added during the course of the investigation.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

New Hand Trolleys at Sardar Patel Airport, Gujarat

†1339. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minster of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 163 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th July, 2001 and state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.